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Applicant(s): Sholom S. Rosen

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 21, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the hereinbelow presented remarks.

REMARKS

**I. Introduction – Claim Status and Proposed Telephonic Examiner Interview**

This Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to the outstanding Final Office Action of November 21, 2000, and is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time with fee payment authorization. The Office Action indicates that claims 12-18 are pending and stand rejected over the prior art.

To address the Office Action and advance prosecution, Applicant's undersigned attorney contacted the PTO to request an Examiner's interview; however, the PTO informed the undersigned that the examiner who had prepared the Office Action, Mr. Tucker, is no longer with the PTO, and that another examiner had not yet been assigned to the present